

I am very disturbed
by Sinclair
Broadcasting
Company's decision
to require air all
of its 62 stations
to air "Stolen
Honor", a clearly
partisan anti-Kerry
documentary.

This is a misuse of
the public airwaves.
Partisan politics is
editorializing, not
"news", and requires
opportunities for
rebuttal. The
planned smear
campaign is to be
broadcast just days
before the election,
including in some
"swing states", and
will reach as much
as 24% of U.S.
households with TVs.

This tactic also
gives a clear
example of the
dangers of media
consolidation. It
takes programming
out of the hands of
local stations which
can be more
responsive to the
needs of their
communities.

I implore you to
strengthen, not
weaken, the rules
regarding media
ownership. This is
essential to the
integrity of
journalism and to
the democratic
process.

I also urge you to
examine Sinclair
Broadcasting
Company's practices
in regard to FCC

rules and take
appropriate measures
for any violations.